

## Missing Persons Investigations

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Missing persons cases are among the most challenging and multifaceted assignments for law enforcement. Cooperation and communication are key elements in getting missing persons information to the proper parties so that everyone involved can make a difference, find more missing persons, and hopefully save someone's life.

This program covers several aspects of missing persons investigations, including: initial reporting and response; evaluating a missing persons case; categories of missing adults and children; how to obtain evidence; and how to use resources, tools and outside agencies to obtain case closure.

The DVD program offers two viewing options:

1. Play Telecourse in its entirety (138 min.)
2. Select among twelve Telecourse segments:
  - Introduction (1 min.)
  - Acceptance of Initial Call (8 min.)
  - Initial Response (14 min.)
  - Dementia and the Dependent Adult (13 min.)
  - Suspicious Circumstances (16 min.)
  - Obtaining the Evidence (7 min.)
  - Parent/Family Abductions (Gone to Mexico) (14 min.)
  - Runaway Juveniles (Losing Innocence) (18 min.)
  - Stranger Abduction (A Race Against Time) (18 min.)
  - Command Post (Reaching Out for Resources) (11 min.)
  - Follow-up and Closure (Missing Person Case) (2 min.)
  - Final Thoughts / End Credits (5 min.)

A companion guide listing additional resources for missing persons investigations is available online at:

[www.post.ca.gov/training/cptn/ref\\_guides.asp](http://www.post.ca.gov/training/cptn/ref_guides.asp)

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**Miranda: Anticipatory Invocation**

*with Daniel McNeerney, Superior Court Judge, State of California*

An arrestee's expression regarding his right to silence or counsel is not a valid invocation of Miranda unless it is made at the time and location where interrogation is to occur. *Cases cited: People v. Nguyen (2005) 132 CA4th 350; Rhode Island v. Innis (1980) 446 U.S. 291, McNeil v. Wisconsin (1991) 501 U.S. 171. (8:10)*

**Detaining Suspects for Urinating in Public**

*with Jeff Rubin, Alameda County District Attorney's Office*

Urinating on or near a commercial street in a populated area constitutes a public nuisance in violation of Penal Code section 370. Discusses what statutes do or do not apply to an act of public urination and the circumstances that will or will not justify a detention for public urination. *Case and Statutes cited: People v. McDonald (2006) 137 Cal.App.4th 521; Pen. Code §§ 370, 372, 374, 375. (9:06)*

**Photo Show-Ups: Does Suspect "Stand Out?"**

*with William Bedsworth, Justice of the Court of Appeal, State of California*

The six-pack photo show-up is a valuable law enforcement tool that, when properly used, both solves crimes and assures convictions. But, as Justice Bedsworth explains, it has to be carefully constructed. While the law in the area can be complex, the justice provides a "rule of thumb" which can easily be used by officers putting together a six-pack. *Case cited: People v. Carlos (2006) DJDAR 4710. (6:16)*

**Seizing Computers As Indicia During Search**

*with Jeff Rubin, Alameda County District Attorney's Office*

Officers coming across an open laptop computer during execution of a warrant may seize it as evidence of dominion and control if the warrant contains a general clause allowing for the seizure of "any evidence" tending to show dominion and control. The computer may also be removed to the station for the physical search of the computer to be conducted. *Case cited: People v. Balint (2006) 138 Cal.App.4th 200. (6:46)*

**Search and Seizure: Weapons Screening Checkpoints**

*with Daniel McNeerney, Superior Court Judge, State of California*

Once a person consents to proceed through a weapons screening checkpoint and has begun the screening process, they may not withdraw their consent and attempt to leave until security has "conclusively" determined that they are not in possession of weapons. *Cases cited: U.S. v. Davis (1973) 582 F2d 893; U.S. v. Aukaj (2006) DAR 3227; Torbet v. United Airlines (2002) 298 F3d 1087. (8:05)*

**Anticipatory Warrants**

*with Jeff Rubin, Alameda County District Attorney's Office*

Anticipatory search warrants do not violate the Fourth Amendment so long as the affidavit establishes that if the triggering condition occurs there is a fair probability that contraband or evidence of a crime will be found in a particular place-- and there is probable cause to believe the triggering condition will occur. The face of the warrant need not include the "triggering condition." A description of the place to be searched and items to be seized is sufficient. Officers do not have to present the owner with a copy of the warrant before conducting the search. *Case cited: United States v. Grubbs (2006) 126 S.Ct. 1494. (7:32)*



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